


Stroke of Genius

Get an A+ in makeup application with tools that help you make the grade. Extra credit—cleaning tips, bristle types and more.

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Wash brushes weekly, advises makeup artist Daniel Martin. Dip in dish detergent or baby shampoo and swirl in the palm of your hand under warm water. Squeeze out any remaining bubbles and lay flat to dry.

For the occasional quick cleaning, spray brushes with PureBrush (pure-brush.com, \$20) and wipe off residue with a tissue.

Bare Essentials

Honest Beauty creative color consultant Daniel Martin shares the seven must-have makeup brushes.

Type

LIQUID FOUNDATION BRUSH

Flower Beauty Ultimate Liquid Foundation Brush, flowerbeauty.com, \$12



CONCEALER BRUSH

Trish McEvoy's Brush 66 Cream Blender, trishmcevoy.com, \$34



MEDIUM EYE SHADOW BRUSH

Marc Jacobs Beauty The Shadow Brush, marcjacobsbeauty.com, \$34



SMALL DOME BRUSH

Urban Decay Pro The Finger Brush, urbandecay.com, \$26



ANGLED BRUSH

E.l.f. Beautifully Precise Dual-Sided Eyebrow Brush, elfcosmetics.com, \$5



BLUSH BRUSH

EcoTools Precision Blush Brush, drugstores, \$8



LIP BRUSH

Sephora Collection Pro Angled Lip #64, sephora.com, \$15



Best Use

→ **LIQUID FOUNDATION**
Bonus Use Primer and color-correcting concealer



→ **CONCEALER**
Bonus Use Cream eye shadows



→ **EYE SHADOW**
Bonus Use Highlighter



→ **EYELID CREASE**
Bonus Use Contouring



→ **BROWS**
Bonus Use Eyeliner



→ **BLUSH**
Bonus Use Bronzer and face powder



→ **LIPSTICK**
Bonus Use Concealer



The 411

Densely packed bristles make for smooth and even application. Use downward strokes and blend outward.

Cover dark circles and blemishes easily thanks to this precise brush.

Swipe the short but loosely packed bristles across lid for perfectly blended shadow.

Blend a darker shade into crease of lid to create a smoky eye.

Fill brows with sharp, even strokes and groom into place with the spoolie on the other end.

The soft, fluffy bristles make for a natural-looking flush.

Outline lips, then fill in with the same color for a precise application.

Bristles 101

Brush up on your bristle knowledge with Chanel makeup artist Angela Levin.

SYNTHETIC versions last longer and are ideal for liquid formulas, like foundation, lipstick and cream shadow.

NATURAL fiber brushes can be pricier but are gentler on skin. They're perfect for powders—blushes, eye shadows and bronzers.

Editor's Pick

The ultimate eye multitasker. This innovative tool clicks to transform into four different brushes.



It Cosmetics Heavenly Luxe Superhero 4-in-1 Eye-Transforming Super Shadow and Liner Brush, itcosmetics.com, \$24